



Be Gentle!

by Virginia Miller

Candlewick, 1997**

When Bartholomew gets a little black kitten, he must learn to handle him carefully.



The Carrot Seed

by Ruth Krauss, Crockett Johnson (illustrator)

HarperCollins, 1972**

Everyone is certain it won't grow, but a little boy remains confident in his carrot seed's potential. Watch as he harvests a carrot whose size is in direct proportion to his faith in it.

Color Zoo

by Lois Ehlert

HarperCollins, 1989**

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes on die-cut pages that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

Dinosaurs Roar!

by Paul and Henrietta Stickland

Dutton, 1994**

Dinosaurs race, roar, and stomp through this colorful book of opposites. And where are they off to? A dinosaur picnic, of course!

In the Tall, Tall Grass

by Denise Fleming Henry

Holt, 1991

Rhymed text presents a toddler's view of creatures found in the grass from lunchtime until nightfall, such as bees, ants, and moles.

Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?

by Nancy White Carlstrom, Bruce Degen (illustrator)

Simon and Schuster, 1986**

Rhymed text and illustrations describe Jesse Bear's activities from morning to bedtime.

READING TIP:

Children are beginning to walk, run, and climb with greater skill. Toddlers at this age often love to imitate everything, so books with interactive words and sounds are very useful.



Maisy's ABC

by Lucy Cousins
Candlewick, 1995**

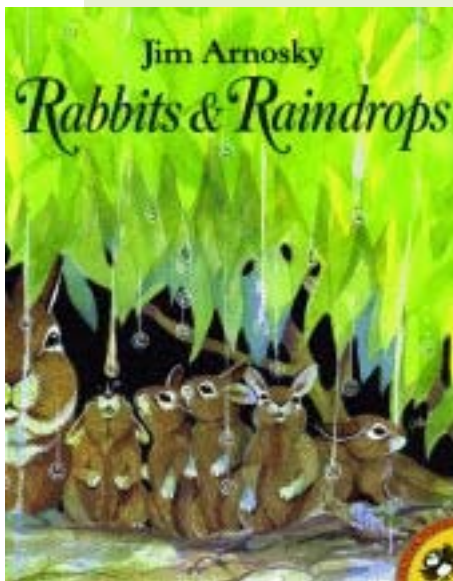
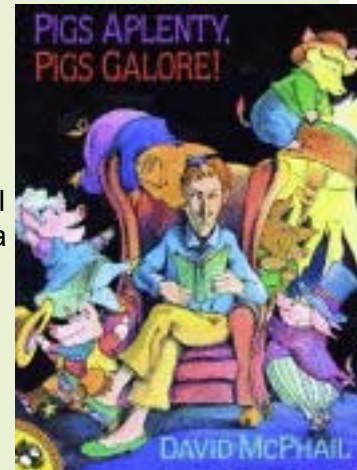
With tabs to pull and flaps to lift, Maisy's ABC is an irresistible, colorful introduction to letters and letter sounds just right for very young children.



Pigs Aplenty Pigs Galore!

by David MacPhail
Puffin Books, 1996

The silence of the narrator's cozy home is abruptly interrupted by a herd of partying pigs who make oatmeal in the sink, play music through the night, and order pizza to be delivered.



Rabbits and Raindrops

by Jim Aronsky
Putnam, 2001

It's the first day outside the nest for Mother rabbit's five babies, and all sorts of new creatures and adventures await them. But when a sudden rain shower sends the rabbits scurrying for shelter under the hedge, the other wild animals

Road Builders

by B.G. Hennessy
Puffin Books, 1996*

Simple text and vivid illustrations explain how the hardworking road crew builds roads with cement mixers, dump trucks, bulldozers, and other vehicles

Toddlerobics

by Zita Newcome
Candlewick, 1997*

A gaggle of energetic toddlers invites readers to join them as they practice their moves in a delightful book that captures all the things little ones can do with their heads, toes, and tummies!



18 to 24 months



Over in the Meadow

by Ezra Jack Keats

Viking Juvenile, 1999

"Over in the meadow, in the sand, in the sun, lived an old mother turtle and her little turtle one." With Keats's vibrant collage art, the animals in this classic counting rhyme are given a brand new life.



Questions for Kids:

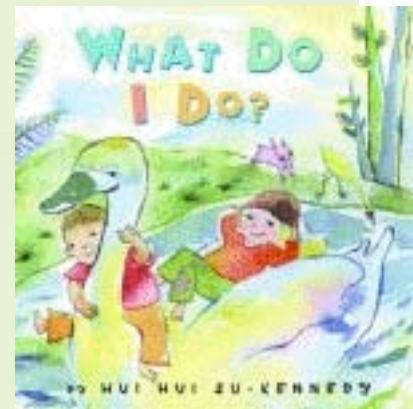
1. Who lives where the stream runs blue? (An old mother fish and her little fishes two.)
2. Who lives in the hole in the tree? (An old mother bird and her little birdies three.)
3. What do the lizards do? Do you ever lie in the sun?
4. What do baby crows sound like? What do they do? (Caw!)
5. Who lives in the hive? (Bees) How many does the mama have? (Five)
6. What shines in the glen? (Fireflies) What is a glen? (A hidden valley.)

What Do I Do?

by Hui Hui Su-Kennedy

Viking, 2004*

Boys and girls of all ethnicities, and even a few animals, do all the things little readers do, from eating, to pretending, to exploring the wide world around them. Every page presents part of a child's life and offers a fun way for children to talk about their own activities.



The Wheels on the Bus

by Raffi, Sylvia Wickstrom (illustrator) Crown, 1998*

As the rickety old bus collects an odd assortment of passengers, readers can join in, creating the sounds of the bus and the motions of the driver and passengers.

